

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 23, 1830.

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## **AN ACT**

For the relief of certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war.

WHEREAS, by several statutes, pecuniary aid is extended to certain of the survivors of those who were engaged in the land or naval service of the United States, against the common enemy, in the Revolutionary war, thereby not only expressing the national gratitude to such survivors, but also making to them, personally, some further remuneration therefor, to the intent that the remainder of their lives might be passed in greater comfort and accommodation: WHEREAS, ALSO, the whole object of those statutes was personal and peculiar to such survivors, and all such pecuniary aid granted for their own benefit exclusively, provision being made therein that the same shall not be liable to attachment or levy of execution, at the suit of any of their creditors: AND WHEREAS those provisions for the benefit of those survivors of that patriotic army, who, under God, achieved our Independence, may expose them to a loss of liberty, by arrest and imprisonment for debts contracted under no expectation of such aid; and which arrest would not take place, but to wring from their possession, as the price of their personal liberty, what the nation has bestowed upon them as a testimonial of their meritorious service: Therefore,

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2        *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3        no person who was, during any part of the Revolutionary war,  
4        engaged in either the land or naval service of the United  
5        States, and who has already, or may hereafter receive, in con-  
6        sideration of such service, pecuniary aid from his country, by

7 pension or otherwise, in any way other than his pay, subsist-  
8 ence, clothing, and bounty, and who shall continue to receive  
9 such aid, shall, at any time hereafter, be liable to be arrested,  
10 holden to bail, or imprisoned, on civil process, issued under any  
11 authority of the United States, for or on account of any de-  
12 mand, the consideration of which originated before such aid  
13 was granted to such person.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, whenever any  
2 person, having been in service, and receiving aid, so as aforesaid,  
3 shall have been arrested, holden to bail, or imprisoned, for  
4 any demand, such as aforesaid, under process issued from  
5 any authority other than that of the United States, and the  
6 creditor or creditors at whose suit such process shall have is-  
7 sued, shall, while the same is pending, or after final judgment  
8 thereon, receive of such person, in consideration thereof, or  
9 any release therefrom, any sum or sums of money arising  
10 from any such aid granted to him, so as aforesaid, or any pro-  
11 mise to pay therefrom, or any order or draft to receive the  
12 same at any future time, all moneys so received shall be paid  
13 over with interest to the person or persons receiving aid as  
14 aforesaid; and all such promises, orders, or drafts, shall be ut-  
15 terly void and irrecoverable in any court of law or equity.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That no creditor of  
2 any such person receiving aid so as aforesaid, shall, by letter  
3 of attorney, order, draft, or otherwise, from him, be entitled

4 to receive any dividend or payment due to such person at any  
5 office or place, where, by law, the same may be payable to him;  
6 and no person whoever, as agent or attorney, shall at any time  
7 receive any such payment, unless he first makes oath that he  
8 hath no interest therein, and that he will pay over the amount  
9 thereof to the person to whom the same was so as aforesaid  
10 granted.

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Passed the House of Representatives.

Attest:

**MW. ST. CLAIRE CLARKE**

*Clerk Ho. Reps.*